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steam yacht	?	7 April	0800	Swinemuende	Harbor basin of the former German naval airbase south of Zichsteden

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escort	M 40 (?)	7-15 April	daily	Gdynia	Harbor Basin X	[redacted] they were armed with 1 light gun each on the fore'sle and quarter deck respectively and 1 AA gun each on either side aft of the bridge; they flew a pennant at the masthead and the Soviet war ensign at the gaff. When leaving or entering port, the international flag with the letter "C" and a black ball were flown at the star- board signal yard. Marker buoys were seen on all quarter decks.

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	1710	Gdynia	Harbor Basin X	The rest of the unit entered the harbor.
10 April	0800			The unit swept mines at Putziger Wick.
	1900			[redacted]

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speedboats	?	7 April	0800	Swinemuende	Osternothafen	Apparently the vessels were not of Elco type	25X1
steam yacht	?	7 April	0800	Swinemuende	Harbor basin of the former German naval airbase south of Eichstaden	Small steam yacht with a stack and two masts. The vessel had a clipper bow and jib boom. The superstructures were comparatively low; only one deck was higher than the main deck. The ship was 45-50 meters long and had a white coat of paint.	25X1

Two tugs which flew a blue flag and three other vessels similar to the former German torpedo recovery boats were berthed in the harbor basin. It could not be determined if the vessels were of the Soviet or Polish Navy.

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